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RE USDEL QUERY CONCERNING PROPOSAL FLOATED BY ROMANIANS AND SOVIETS FOR ADAPTATION OF DOMESTIC LEGISLATION AS A " CONCRETE MEASURE, FOR CSCE, INR ANALYSTS AGREE WITH DEL'S ASSUMPTION THAT MAIN PURPOSE MAY WELL BE TO ENCOURAGE WESTERN LEGISLATIVE ACTION ON ECONOMIC ISSUES SUCH AS MFN, QUOTAS AND EXPORT CONTROLS. IT IS ALSO CON-CEIVABLE THAT SOVIETS MIGHT HOPE TO DERIVE SOME INCIDENTAL ADVANTAGE FROM SUCH A GENERALIZED APPEAL TO WESTERN LEGIS-LATURES TO SUPPORT CSCE IN CONTEXT OF POSSIBLE INFLUENCE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR INFORMATION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING US SUPPORT FOR RFE/ RL. THEY COULD HOPE AS WELL TO DISCOURAGE CERTAIN DECLARATORY ACTIONS BY LEGISLATURES, SUCH AS " CAPTIVE NATIONS" RESOLUTIONS. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN FURTHER REPORTING ON INTER-PLAY BETWEEN SOVIETS AND ROMANIANS ON THIS ISSUE. FOR EXAMPLE, DOES ROMANIAN DOWN-PLAYING OF THIS MATTER REFLECT EMBARRASSMENT AT SOVIET CONFIDENTIAL

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SUPPORT, EVEN THOUGH MENDELEVICH DID NOT ATTRIBUTE PROPOSAL TO ROMANIANS, OR DO ROMANIANS WELCOME ISSUE ON WHICH THEY CAN AGREE WITH SOVIETS, EVEN THOUGH THEIR MOTIVES MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT? ROGERS

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